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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment decreased again in October, the month in which unemployment usually begins its fall and winter increase. About 141,700 Missourians were jobless in the month, 2100 fewer than in September. The unemployment rate edged down a tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. The rate is now three-tenths of a point below the year earlier level, and joblessness is estimated to have decreased by 8600.

Total employment increased by 9800 in the month, a bit less than the expected seasonal increase. Employment is now 10,800 higher than a year ago, while the labor force has increased by only 2200.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 6400 jobs in October. Continued increases in state and local government (9300 jobs), due primarily to the resumption of the school year, more than offset a decrease of 3500 jobs in manufacturing, resulting from a strike in the automobile industry. Other manufacturing industries showed only small changes from September. In the nonmanufacturing sector, services employment was up by 2500, while construction and retail trade experienced seasonal declines of 800 and 500 jobs, respectively.

The factory workweek edged up two-tenths of an hour to 41.4 hours in October. Average hourly earnings decreased 8 cents to $10.17, however, leading to a decrease of $1.26 in weekly earnings. The October average of $421.04 is 2.4 percent higher than a year earlier.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The nation's production of goods and services increased a little more rapidly in the third quarter than originally estimated. Revised data released by the Commerce Department place inflation-adjusted growth in gross national product in the July-September period at 2.6 percent annual rate, up fromthe previously/estimated 2.4 percent. The rate would have been 0.6 percentage points higher had it not been for the drought, according to the Commerce Department. This suggests continuing strong growth in the nonfarm economy.

Natioal unemployment was little changed in October. The seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, compared to 5.4 in September. Total civilian employment increased slightly to 115.5 million in October.

Payroll employment increased by 325,000 in October, about average for the year. All the increase occurred in the

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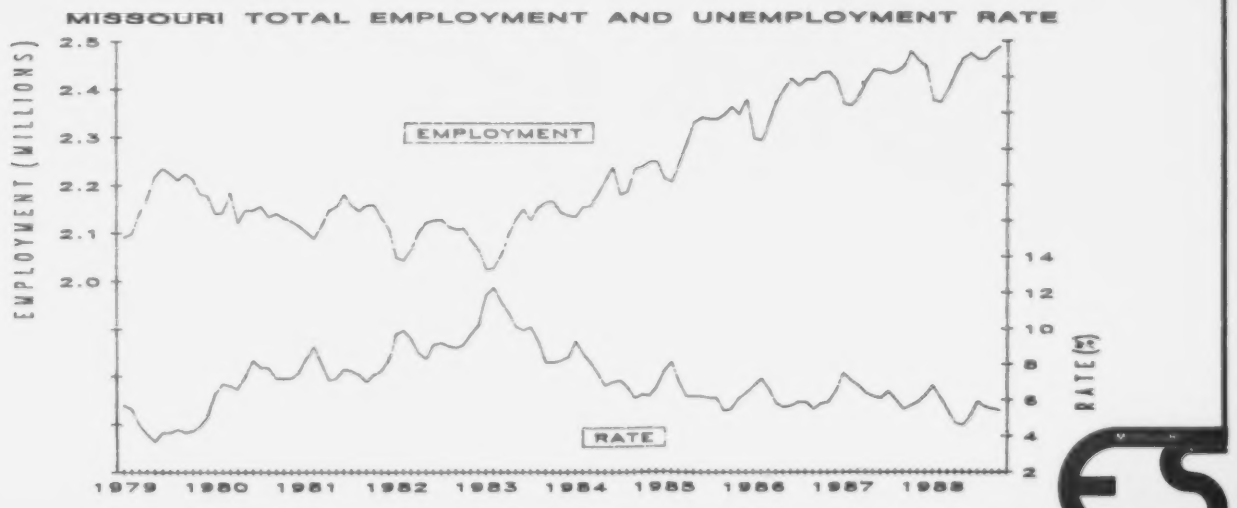

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - OCT 1988 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - SEP 1988 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - OCT 1987 (BENCHMARKED 1988)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	122432	116250	6182	5.0	121842	115474	6368	5.2	120743	113898	6845	5.7
STATEWIDE	2629658	2487995	141663	5.4	2621977	2478221	143756	5.5	2627539	2477213	150326	5.7
ST. LOUIS MSA	1280241	1202095	78146	6.1	1276416	1199766	76650	6.0	1288633	1207862	80771	6.3
KANSAS CITY MSA	828365	788017	40348	4.9	829056	787504	41552	5.0	842099	799573	42526	5.1
SPRINGFIELD MSA	128036	122745	5291	4.1	126499	121109	5390	4.3	125046	119308	5738	4.6
COLUMBIA MSA	68179	66279	1900	2.8	67731	65802	1929	2.8	67090	65028	2062	3.1
JOPLIN MSA	72078	67957	4121	5.7	71447	67270	4177	5.8	70778	67148	3630	5.1
ST. JOSEPH MSA	43111	40609	2502	5.8	41926	39145	2781	6.6	42149	39166	2983	7.1
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13561	13054	507	3.7	12681	12265	416	3.3	13685	13178	507	3.7
ANDREW	6997	6588	409	5.8	7116	6583	533	7.5	6972	6594	378	5.4
ATCHISON	3319	3227	92	2.8	3335	3236	99	3.0	3332	3221	111	3.3
AUDRAIN	10751	10267	484	4.5	10598	10126	472	4.5	10528	9956	572	5.4
BARRY	12245	11729	516	4.2	12153	11620	533	4.4	11825	11284	541	4.6
BARTON	6015	5803	212	3.5	5967	5815	152	2.5	5765	5574	191	3.3
BATES	6728	6189	539	8.0	6757	6162	595	8.8	6724	6237	487	7.2
BENTON	5417	5013	404	7.5	5470	5112	358	6.5	5313	4966	347	6.5
BOLLINGER	3499	3232	267	7.6	3425	3168	257	7.5	3333	3078	255	7.7
BUTLER	16442	15225	1217	7.4	16582	15314	1268	7.6	16851	15442	1409	8.4
CALDWELL	3199	2998	201	6.3	3165	2955	210	6.6	3189	3024	165	5.2
CALLAWAY	15763	15002	761	4.8	15470	14732	738	4.8	15318	14549	769	5.0
CAMDEN	15271	14451	820	5.4	15985	15285	700	4.4	14869	14002	867	5.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU	36881	35088	1793	4.9	36688	35269	1419	3.9	36070	34599	1471	4.1
CARROLL	4288	3947	341	8.0	4243	3903	340	8.0	5116	4537	579	11.3
CARTER	2153	1982	171	7.9	2169	1986	183	8.4	2113	1912	201	9.5
CEDAR	4391	4142	249	5.7	4414	4163	251	5.7	4813	4468	345	7.2
CHARITON	4296	4063	233	5.4	4235	3998	237	5.6	4412	4153	259	5.9
CLARK	3647	3487	160	4.4	3603	3411	192	5.3	3834	3543	291	7.6
CLINTON	6897	6451	446	6.5	6827	6389	438	6.4	6852	6464	388	5.7
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40832	39137	1695	4.2	40638	39036	1602	3.9	40497	38753	1744	4.3
COOPER	6551	6256	295	4.5	6508	6251	257	3.9	6545	6252	293	4.5
CRAWFORD	9263	8578	685	7.4	9426	8721	705	7.5	8878	8285	593	6.7
DADE	2909	2758	151	5.2	2826	2689	137	4.8	2830	2702	128	4.5
DALLAS	3779	3436	343	9.1	3683	3352	331	9.0	3675	3348	327	8.9
DAVIESS	3863	3703	160	4.1	3909	3717	192	4.9	4026	3837	189	4.7
DEKALB	3895	3730	165	4.2	3961	3710	251	6.3	3647	3428	219	6.0
DENT	7003	6425	578	8.3	7225	6701	524	7.3	6460	5969	491	7.6
DOUGLAS	4969	4555	414	8.3	4870	4517	353	7.2	4810	4418	392	8.1
DUNKLIN	12974	12120	854	6.6	12927	11999	928	7.2	13272	12316	956	7.2
GASCONADE	7777	7409	368	4.7	7702	7288	414	5.4	7431	7052	379	5.1
GENTRY	2820	2710	110	3.9	2758	2637	121	4.4	2918	2760	158	5.4
GRUNDY	5536	5244	292	5.3	5502	5252	250	4.5	5383	5081	302	5.6
HARRISON	4515	4321	194	4.3	4435	4267	168	3.8	4388	4188	200	4.6
HENRY	7957	7383	574	7.2	7928	7340	588	7.4	8040	7431	609	7.6
HICKORY	2890	2725	165	5.7	2792	2635	157	5.6	2820	2626	194	6.9
HOLT	2532	2400	132	5.2	2473	2323	150	6.1	2541	2406	135	5.3
HOWARD	4821	4627	194	4.0	4751	4565	186	3.9	4550	4356	194	4.3
HOWELL	14069	13126	943	6.7	13944	13004	940	6.7	13484	12537	947	7.0
IRON	2362	2065	297	12.6	2364	2044	320	13.5	2408	2097	311	12.9
JOHNSON	20119	19400	719	3.6	19764	19015	749	3.8	19712	18984	728	3.7
KNOX	1983	1883	100	5.0	1923	1827	96	5.0	2012	1911	101	5.0
LACLEDE	14080	13289	791	5.6	14004	13246	758	5.4	13249	12465	784	5.9
LAWRENCE	13554	12894	660	4.9	13422	12814	608	4.5	14250	13466	784	5.5
LEWIS	4970	4771	199	4.0	4875	4674	201	4.1	4976	4701	275	5.5

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LINCOLN	12336	11626	710	5.8	12424	11704	720	5.8	11698	10991	707	6.0
LINN	7290	6680	610	8.4	7082	6549	533	7.5	6815	6229	586	8.6
LIVINGSTON	6871	6578	293	4.3	6734	6430	304	4.5	6877	6561	316	4.6
MACON	8066	7705	361	4.5	7954	7587	367	4.6	8339	7927	412	4.9
MADISON	4835	4538	297	6.1	4698	4430	268	5.7	5192	4859	333	6.4
MARIES	3530	3272	258	7.3	3391	3161	230	6.8	3707	3434	273	7.4
MARION/RALLS LMA	18797	17881	916	4.9	18487	17605	882	4.8	18376	17270	1106	6.0
MCDONALD	8229	7751	478	5.8	8300	7815	485	5.8	8046	7627	419	5.2
MERCER	1694	1580	114	6.7	1594	1522	72	4.5	1643	1560	83	5.1
MILLER	8644	8011	633	7.3	8982	8369	613	6.8	9004	8145	859	9.5
MISSISSIPPI	6470	5970	500	7.7	6344	5854	490	7.7	6783	6269	514	7.6
MONITEAU	6345	6108	237	3.7	6232	5977	255	4.1	6306	6006	300	4.8
MONROE	5009	4812	197	3.9	4869	4670	199	4.1	5057	4813	244	4.8
MONTGOMERY	5105	4787	318	6.2	5110	4870	240	4.7	4911	4620	291	5.9
MORGAN	7367	6892	475	6.4	7557	7179	378	5.0	7399	6910	489	6.6
NEW MADRID	9526	9033	493	5.2	9559	8970	589	6.2	9432	8794	638	6.8
NODAWAY	11205	10938	267	2.4	11074	10707	367	3.3	11142	10772	370	3.3
OREGON	3849	3589	260	6.8	3889	3616	273	7.0	4057	3692	365	9.0
OZÁRK	3579	3328	251	7.0	3596	3332	264	7.3	3527	3331	196	5.6
PEMISCOT	8896	8277	619	7.0	8858	8178	680	7.7	8748	8112	636	7.3
PERRY	8386	7920	466	5.6	8411	7905	506	6.0	8104	7755	349	4.3
PETTIS	17916	16925	991	5.5	18024	17089	935	5.2	17878	16900	978	5.5
PHELPS	17238	16431	807	4.7	17416	16615	801	4.6	16958	16129	829	4.9
PIKE	7293	6783	510	7.0	7310	6833	477	6.5	7261	6738	523	7.2
POLK	9946	9544	402	4.0	9848	9445	403	4.1	9642	9065	577	6.0
PULASKI	13026	12313	713	5.5	13052	12311	741	5.7	13118	12361	757	5.8
PUTNAM	2241	2118	123	5.5	2130	2038	92	4.3	2269	2177	92	4.1
RANDOLPH	11464	10859	605	5.3	11510	10906	604	5.2	12135	11290	845	7.0
REYNOLDS	1795	1615	180	10.0	1750	1571	179	10.2	1888	1627	261	13.8
RIPLEY	4367	4034	333	7.6	4290	3921	369	8.6	4057	3715	342	8.4
SALINE	11953	11213	740	6.2	11750	11144	606	5.2	11782	11311	471	4.0
SCOTLAND	2291	2190	101	4.4	2290	2176	114	5.0	2397	2284	113	4.7
SCOTT	18390	17182	1208	6.6	18312	17140	1172	6.4	18241	16941	1300	7.1
SHANNON	2667	2384	283	10.6	2608	2371	237	9.1	2977	2608	369	12.4
SHELBY	3879	3794	85	2.2	3862	3766	96	2.5	3721	3599	122	3.3
ST. CLAIR	3534	3297	237	6.7	3514	3324	190	5.4	3470	3258	212	6.1
ST. FRANCOIS	21687	20099	1588	7.3	22057	20260	1797	8.1	20923	19283	1640	7.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	6964	6582	382	5.5	7070	6652	418	5.9	6955	6534	421	6.1
STODDARD	12633	11788	845	6.7	12519	11655	864	6.9	12331	11461	870	7.1
STONE	9378	8866	512	5.5	9942	9454	488	4.9	9437	8890	547	5.8
SULLIVAN	3394	3277	117	3.4	3404	3272	132	3.9	3510	3399	111	3.2
TANEY	16245	15542	703	4.3	16788	16141	647	3.9	15642	14950	692	4.4
TEXAS	9838	8901	937	9.5	9583	8836	747	7.8	9467	8813	654	6.9
VERNON	9539	9091	448	4.7	9413	9053	360	3.8	9554	9106	448	4.7
WARREN	10588	10022	566	5.3	10748	10159	589	5.5	10250	9680	570	5.6
WASHINGTON	6119	5256	863	14.1	5917	4997	920	15.5	6219	5257	962	15.5
WAYNE	4843	4382	461	9.5	4818	4370	448	9.3	4603	4164	439	9.5
WEBSTER	9809	9162	647	6.6	9849	9097	752	7.6	9758	8974	784	8.0
WORTH	1208	1156	52	4.3	1230	1179	51	4.1	1201	1152	49	4.1
WRIGHT	7416	6934	482	6.5	7382	6934	448	6.1	7036	6551	485	6.9

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
October, 1988

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2242.4	2236.1	2221.5									
Total Manufacturing	420.7	424.3	422.9	421.04	422.30	411.18	41.4	41.2	41.2	10.17	10.25	9.98
Durable Goods	237.1	240.8	240.2	464.70	465.30	452.52	42.4	42.3	41.9	10.96	11.00	10.80
Lumber & Wood Products	11.2	11.1	10.7	253.24	252.46	253.09	38.9	38.9	38.9	6.51	6.49	6.44
Furniture & Fixtures	10.7	11.2	11.9	347.62	336.58	355.56	42.6	41.4	46.6	8.16	8.13	7.63
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.2	11.3	11.1	490.12	475.84	497.64	43.8	42.6	44.0	11.19	11.17	11.31
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	0.9	569.61	570.78	600.88	42.1	42.0	40.6	13.53	13.59	14.80
Structural Clay Prod.	2.0	2.0	1.8	534.14	484.01	511.28	42.8	40.2	40.1	12.48	12.04	12.75
Primary Metal Industries	12.4	12.4	12.7	443.56	452.61	455.10	41.3	41.6	41.6	10.74	10.88	10.94
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.9	1.9	1.5	455.70	452.92	469.89	43.4	43.3	45.4	10.50	10.46	10.35
Nonferrous Foundries	3.7	3.6	3.4	346.81	348.57	335.07	43.9	43.9	42.2	7.90	7.94	7.94
Fabricated Metal Products	28.6	28.2	28.0	441.09	433.86	428.64	42.7	42.0	41.9	10.33	10.33	10.23
Structural Metal Prod.	11.5	11.3	10.9	445.76	426.19	410.74	44.8	43.4	41.7	9.95	9.82	9.85
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.1	31.0	30.0	430.95	441.87	425.52	42.5	42.9	41.8	10.14	10.30	10.18
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.9	47.0	47.1	413.66	419.89	394.38	41.7	42.2	40.7	9.92	9.95	9.69
Transportation Equipment	66.0	69.8	69.8	653.84	643.57	617.10	44.0	43.9	42.5	14.86	14.66	14.52
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	25.0	28.7	31.3	689.33	659.77	633.03	45.5	44.7	42.4	15.15	14.76	14.93
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.6	11.5	11.4	334.95	334.54	325.48	40.6	40.6	41.2	8.25	8.24	7.90
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.4	7.3	7.5	286.42	279.88	262.25	40.8	39.7	40.5	7.02	7.05	6.50
Nondurable Goods	183.6	183.5	182.7	365.31	368.28	357.06	40.1	39.9	40.3	9.11	9.23	8.86
Food & Kindred Products	45.1	44.7	45.7	432.23	443.06	442.47	42.5	42.4	43.0	10.17	10.45	10.29
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.8	13.7	13.4	322.28	337.82	331.04	42.8	43.2	43.5	7.53	7.82	7.61
Dairy Products	5.4	5.5	5.7	442.78	430.39	464.40	40.4	38.6	43.2	10.96	11.15	10.75
Grain Mill Products	8.1	7.5	7.7	494.73	524.27	466.20	47.8	49.6	44.4	10.35	10.57	10.50
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	5.1	373.82	360.14	396.74	35.2	32.8	36.6	10.62	11.98	10.84
Beverages	9.2	9.3	9.6	704.61	715.97	745.60	38.8	39.6	42.9	18.16	18.08	17.38

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.1	4.2	4.2	413.42	405.27	406.59	42.1	39.5	43.3	9.82	10.26	9.39
Textile & Apparel	23.6	24.0	24.6	200.65	210.14	208.42	34.3	35.2	36.5	5.85	5.97	5.71
Paper & Allied Products	13.5	13.6	12.8	401.02	405.12	406.19	41.6	42.2	42.4	9.64	9.60	9.58
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.6	6.6	6.2	404.71	417.36	393.12	43.1	44.4	42.0	9.39	9.40	9.36
Printing & Publishing	41.8	41.6	41.0	407.60	411.29	385.61	40.0	39.7	38.6	10.19	10.36	9.99
Commercial Printing	14.3	14.1	14.0	470.61	489.72	451.17	41.5	42.4	40,5	11.34	11.55	11.14
Chemicals & Allied	29.1	29.1	27.9	503.71	503.58	470.18	42.4	42.0	41.1	11.88	11.99	11.44
Leather & Leather Products	15.9	16.1	16.8	220.71	206.61	220.70	37.6	35.5	39.2	5.87	5.82	5.63
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.3	12.6	13.2	200.93	192.39	207.82	36.8	35.3	38.7	5.46	5.45	5.37
Total Nonmanufacturing	1821.7	1811.8	1798.6									
Mining	5.6	5.7	5.6									
Construction	104.7	105.5	104.7									
Transportation & Public Util.	144.3	144.1	144.0									
Railroad Transportation	9.7	9.7	10.0									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	79.4	78.9	78.4									
Communications	55.2	55.5	55.6									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	556.5	556.9	546.4									
Wholesale Trade	141.7	141.6	139.2									
Retail Trade	414.8	415.3	407.2									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	134.9	135.5	134.3									
Services	521.3	518.8	513.2									
Government	354.4	345.3	350.4									
Federal Government	69.8	70.0	70.5									
State & Local Government	284.6	275.3	279.9									

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private sector. Manufacturing increased by 100,000 jobs, after small declines in the previous two months. Over the past year, total payroll employment has grown by 3.7 million, substantially above the 2.4 million increase recorded in total civilian employment.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators increased in October. The increase was small - only 0.1 percent - and followed a decrease in September. Indeed, the index has shown no clear movement since May, with an increase in one month followed by a decrease in the next. Although these movements would seem to point to at least slower growth, not all forecasters attribute much significance to them.

Seasonal movements should dominate the next few months' developments in Missouri labor markets. Unemployment usually increases some in November and December and substantially in January. Employment edges down in the first two months before dropping more sharply in January. Payroll employment will get a little boost in November from the return to work following a strike at a automobile plant.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — October, 1988

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,629,700	2,622,000	2,627,500	7,700	2,200
Total Employment	2,486,000	2,478,200	2,477,200	9,800	10,800
Total Unemployment	141,700	143,800	150,300	-2,100	-8,600
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.4	5.5	5.7	-0.1	-0.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,242,500	2,236,100	2,221,500	6,400	21,000
Manufacturing	420,800	424,300	422,900	-3,500	-2,100
Durable Goods	237,100	240,800	240,200	-3,700	-3,100
Nondurable Goods	183,600	183,500	182,700	100	900
Nonmanufacturing	1,821,700	1,811,800	1,798,600	9,900	23,100
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	6,013	5,880	5,761	133	252
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	34,223	35,363	33,073	-1,140	1,150
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.1	0.0
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	2,700	3,014	2,320	-314	380
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,089,216	$15,626,408	$14,570,453	-$1,537,192	-$481,237
State U.I.	13,759,882	15,252,567	14,305,449	-1,492,685	-545,567
UCFE	238,619	257,644	164,667	-19,025	73,952
UCX	90,715	116,197	100,337	-25,482	-9,622

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1988

Franciena King, Analyst

For the third consecutive month, the Kansas City Metropolitan Area's unemployment held relatively steady at 4.9 percent of the labor force. After climbing to year's highest level in July at 5.8 percent of the labor force, the number of unemployed fell by 7,700 and the rate of unemployment dropped to 4.9 percent in August 1988. In September the number of unemployed workers rose to 41,700, slightly up from the 41,300 registered in August. Similarly, the unemployment rate rose only slightly in September 1988, registering an even 5.0 percent of the labor force. Despite these vary small variations in the number and rate of unemployment, the number of civilian employed fell by nearly 7,200 workers. Many of these workers appear to have been temporary summer workers and students who withdrew from the labor force as the summer season ended. The total number of workers who withdrew from the labor force over the period from August to September numbered close to 7,000. Much of the same conditions that prevailed in September continued into the current month of October 1988. The unemployment rate edged down by a tenth of a percent, back to 4.9 percent. No major changes in the employment situation were in evidence over the period. The number of jobless workers fell by 1,200 primarily as a result of the Area continuing to feel the loss of temporary seasonal jobs in the Retail Trade sector. As in the previous month the civilian labor force shrank as many of these laid off seasonal workers withdrew from the labor force. The civilian labor force shrank by 700 as a result of these seasonal withdrawals. Continued employment gains in local schools and a resurgence of activity in the Construction sector accounted for the increase in civilian employment of 500 persons. The absence of any major employment changes over-the-month in the Area did not mask the substantial number of jobs that has been lost primarily in Manufacturing over the 12-month period. Despite the number of unemployed workers falling below the October 1987 level by more than 2,000 workers and the rate falling two tenths of a percentage point below last year's level, the Area lost a total of 2,500 Manufacturing jobs.

Wage and salaried employment was 742,700 in October 1988, up by 2,300 from the September 1988 total of 740,400. Most of the job growth registered over-the-month resulted from the continuation of staffing changes in local area school. State and Local Government gained 2,200 jobs over the period. Area schools alone registered an increase of 2,400 jobs. Construction activity edged up reversal of its activity over the previous month, when it lost 500 jobs as some area projects were being completed. Special trade contract construction rebounded over-the-month with 600 more jobs, resulting in an overall increase of 500 jobs in the Construction industry. The only other industry that posted any significant increase was the Wholesale Trade industry which gained 400 jobs over-the-month. Minor job increases also were posted in Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Federal Government. Elsewhere within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Retail Trade activity hit a temporary slump with 500 fewer jobs in October than were posted in September. Most of these jobs were lost in the eating and drinking establishments sector, apparently as a result of the lost of student workers who were temporarily hired during the summer. Overall the Nonmanufacturing sector gained 2,600 jobs over the period and at 633,900 reached its highest level of the year to date.

While the Nonmanufacturing sector reached its highest level of the year, the Manufacturing sector fell to its lowest point of the year at 108,800 jobs. Another 300 jobs were lost over-the-month, scattered among mainly the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries. Most of the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries suffered some slight loss although no one industry accounted for the bulk of losses. Of the remaining industries, with the exception of Paper and Allied which registered a small gain, all other Manufacturing industries held steady over-the-month.

Wage and salaried employment was 742,700 in October 1988, up by 5,000 from the total in October 1987 of 737,700. Manufacturing employment was 108,800 in October 1988, down by 1,000 from the October 1987 level. Nonmanufacturing employment was 633,900 up by 6,000 fromthe total in October 1987 of 627,900. Within the Manufacturing sector, the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries showed the greatest number of losses with 2,000 fewer jobs in October 1988 than in October 1987. Almost every industry within the group posted losses. The Primary Metals industry registered the largest loss with 1,100 fewer jobs, primarily in the steel industry. Competition in the electronics field continued to account for the depressed level of jobs in the Electrical/Electronic Equipment industry. The communications equipment industry lost 600 jobs over-the-year ago levels. Other minor losses were posted in Lumber and Furniture, Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment and Stone, Clay and Glass. Among the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing industries only Petroleum showed fewer jobs compared to October 1987. Moderate gains in Printing and Publishing and Paper and Allied and Food and Kindred resulted in an overall gain of 1,000 jobs over-the-year ago figures.

Compared to the year ago figure, the Nonmanufacturing sector registered a loss in only one industry, Transportation,

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1988)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** October, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	742,700	740,400	737,700	+2,300	+5,000
Total Manufacturing	108,800	109,100	109,800	-300	-1,000
Durable Goods	55,200	55,400	57,200	-200	-2,000
Lumber & Furniture	3,300	3,400	3,600	-100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	-100
Primary Metal Industries	2,200	2,200	3,300	0	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Products	8,300	8,400	8,500	-100	-200
Machinery Except Electrical	8,100	8,100	8,000	0	+100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	17,100	17,100	17,700	0	-600
Transportation Equipment	9,200	9,300	9,300	-100	-100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(8,900)	(9,000)	(8,900)	(-100)	(0)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	53,600	53,700	52,600	-100	+1,000
Food & Kindred Products	8,800	9,000	8,600	-200	+200
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,900	5,800	5,600	+100	+300
Printing & Publishing	21,100	21,100	20,700	0	+400
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,000	10,000	9,900	0	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	500	500	600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	633,900	631,300	627,900	+2,600	+6,000
Mining & Quarrying	500	500	500	0	0
Construction	39,000	38,500	38,500	+500	+500
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	56,200	56,000	56,600	+200	-400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	193,600	193,700	192,900	-100	+700
Wholesale Trade(60,200)	(59,800)	(60,200)	(+400)	(0)	
Retail Trade	(133,400)	(133,900)	(132,700)	(-500)	(+700)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,000	58,200	57,800	-200	+200
Services	173,800	173,900	170,900	-100	+2,900
Government	112,800	110,500	110,700	+2,300	+2,100
Federal Government	(30,400)	(30,300)	(29,900)	(+100)	(+500)
State & Local Government	(82,400)	(80,200)	(80,800)	(+2,200)	(+1,600)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	200	100	-200	-100

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Communications and Utilities, primrily due to losses felt in the air transportation industry. All other Nonmanufacturing industries held steady or registered job gains over the period. The major gainer over the period was the Services industry which posted an increase of 1,100 jobs in business services and about that many in health and legal services combined. Government gained 2,100 more jobs. State and Local Government accounted for three quarters of these jobs as a result of jobs gained in hospitals, schools and municipal government. The Federal Government gained the remaining 500. Retail Trade was another gainer with 700 more jobs, scattered broadly across food stores, department stores and non-store retailers. Jobs gained in special trade contracting also accounted for the over-the-year increase of 500 more jobs in the Construction industry.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 40,400 in October 1988 for 4.9 percent of the labor force, compared to 41,600 in September 1988 for 5.0 percent of the labor force and 42,500 in October 1988 for 5.1 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The unemloyment rate in the Kansas City Area is expected to show only a slight change in November 1988, despite an expected substantial increase in employment over-the-month as holiday consumption spending gears up. Retail Tradē employment is expected to rebound sharply from the October lull. Construction employment is expected to continue at its present level due to the relatively mild beginning of winter weather. Losses in Services and continued depressed levels in Manufacturing are expected. Unemployment is expected to be 4.7 percent of the labor force in November 1988 compared to 4.9 percent in October 1988 and 5.0 percent in November 1987.

Despite showing Retail Trade employment at its highest level for the year, the Area's December 1988 unemloyment rate may rise slightly as seasonal losses in Construction and Services begin to affect the labor market. Employment changes in other sectors are expected to be minimal. Unemployment is expected to be 4.8 percent of the labor force in December 1988, compared to 5.5 percent in December 1987.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$485.30	$475.27	$456.62	41.8	41.4	41.1	$11.61	$11.48	$11.11
Durable Goods	537.59	522.75	488.04	42.7	42.5	41.5	12.59	12.30	11.76
Lumber & Furniture	367.48	357.41	352.29	43.8	42.6	43.6	8.39	8.39	8.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	528.21	499.31	493.31	40.6	39.1	37.4	13.01	12.77	13.19
Primary Metal Industries	447.17	482.48	467.71	35.1	37.2	38.4	12.74	12.97	12.18
Fabricated Metal Products	407.41	419.57	411.10	40.7	41.5	41.4	10.01	10.11	9.93
Machinery Exc. Electrical	478.96	465.16	437.74	45.1	44.9	43.6	10.62	10.36	10.04
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	585.16	559.26	518.60	42.9	42.4	42.3	13.64	13.19	12.26
Transportation Equipment	762.11	726.09	653.78	45.8	44.6	41.3	16.64	16.28	15.83
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(776.48)	(739.20)	(671.01)	(46.0)	(44.8)	(41.6)	(16.88)	(16.50)	(16.13)
Nondurable Goods	425.95	421.70	417.37	40.8	40.2	40.6	10.44	10.49	10.28
Food & Kindred Products	423.77	440.36	405.56	38.7	40.4	39.8	10.95	10.90	10.19
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	200.93	216.35	202.98	33.6	36.3	34.0	5.98	5.96	5.97
Paper & Allied Products	401.17	408.59	405.90	40.4	40.9	41.0	9.93	9.99	9.90
Printing & Publishing	440.32	422.26	450.05	41.5	39.5	41.1	10.61	10.69	10.95
Chemicals & Allied Products	585.03	567.72	537.55	43.4	41.5	41.8	13.48	13.68	12.86
Petroleum & Coal Products	382.39	451.95	445.71	37.6	39.3	41.8	10.17	11.50	10.65

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

October, 1988

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 6.0% in September to 6.1% in October. Unemployment rose by 1,500 and total employment was up by only 2,300. The area's unemployment rate has been at or above 6.0% for 8 of the past 10 months for 1988. Job creation continues at a slow but steady pace. Although most industries are now reporting only seasonal movements, some manufacturing sectors are still registering small gains. Over the month improvements were reported in fabricated metals, aircraft and instruments. Over the year, unemployment declined 2,700 but total employment was also down. It registered a loss of 5,700. The unemployment rate in October, 1987 was 6.3%. Less than half of the area's major industries are not reporting employment gains over the past 12 months. Increases reported by nonmanufacturing industries are smaller than any time during the prior 3 years. There were 3,200 labor disputants in October, 500 in September and less than 50 in October, 1987.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 2,900 over the month. A strike in motor vehicles affected 3,200 workers. Small seasonal declines occurred in food and chemicals. The printing industry reported a 200 seasonal increase as this industry began printing material for the holiday season. Fabricated metals, continuing as one of the area's bright spots, added another 300 workers over the month. Over the year, manufacturing employment rose 1,300. The aircraft industry has added 2,600 workers over the past 12 months, an increase of 8.7%. The motor vehicle strike this month caused the 3,500 decline in that industry since October, 1987.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 5,500 over the month. Seasonal gains were reported in trade, services and government. In trade, increases were well distributed among the various sectors. Sales of colder weather clothing began and the industry also began preparations for the holiday buying season. Seasonal education increases caused the gains in services and state and local government. Colder weather and reduced home buying caused a decline of 1,000 in the construction industry. In transportation, seasonal trucking declines were balanced by seasonal school bus increases producing a net change of only 100. Over the year, nonmanufacturing gained 10,500 workers. Service increases are better distributed than in past months. Retail gains were concentrated in home improvement, grocery stores and auto related retailers. The finance, insurance and real estate industry, down 600, has been affected by the slower home buying and banking buy-outs.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in November, 1988 is expected to be 6.1%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Mining	17	22	14	15
Construction	1415	1202	1243	1336
Manufacturing	5170	4227	2678	3113
Public Utilities	1057	1026	668	579
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2069	2063	1920	1871
Finance	483	463	465	484
Services	5390	5214	4590	4452
All Other	227	242	234	284
TOTAL	15828	14459	11812	12134

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1108	1082	975	945
Clerical	1568	1504	1319	1340
Sales	308	317	275	291
Farm, Fish & Forest	52	63	47	46
Processing	154	118	133	131
Machine Trades	576	591	541	571
Bench Work	576	570	525	493
Structural Work	1218	955	737	840
Misc. Work	1141	1077	817	950
Service	1161	1044	990	937
INA	7966	7138	5453	5590
TOTAL	15828	14459	11812	12134

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1989 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.0	1.2
Clerical	19.6	20.2
Sales	15.7	19.0
Processing	2.0	2.7
Machine Trades	5.1	4.7
Bench Work	6.4	7.6
Structural Work	7.6	5.1
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.9	2.0
Packaging & Material Handling	10.4	14.4
Domestic	0.7	0.3
Other Services	22.5	21.9
Other Occupations	1.1	0.9
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current: October, 1988**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,148,500	1,145,900	1,136,700	+2,600	+11,800
Percent Change				+(0.2)	+(1.0)
Manufacturing	221,500	224,400	220,200	-2,900	+1,300
Durable Goods	139,600	142,400	138,200	-2,800	+1,400
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	14,700	14,700	14,200	0	+500
Fabricated Metal Products	17,400	17,100	16,500	+300	+900
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,500	18,600	17,700	-100	+800
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	14,500	14,600	14,500	-100	0
Transportation Equipment	53,600	56,700	54,600	-3,100	-1,000
Motor Vehicles	15,400	18,500	18,900	-3,100	-3,500
Aircraft & Parts	32,400	32,300	29,800	+100	+2,600
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,700	12,500	12,500	+200	+200
Nondurable Goods	81,900	82,000	82,000	-100	-100
Food & Kindred Products	20,900	21,100	22,100	-200	-1,200
Meat Products	800	800	800	0	0
Beverages	8,100	8,100	8,800	0	-700
Textiles & Apparel	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	17,200	17,000	16,800	+200	+400
Chemical & Allied Products	18,500	18,600	18,200	-100	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,100	5,500	0	+600
Nonmanufacturing	927,000	921,500	916,500	+5,500	+10,500
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Construction	58,000	59,000	58,200	-1,000	-200
Transportation & Public Utilities	75,100	75,200	74,000	-100	+1,100
Railroads	4,900	4,900	5,200	0	-300
Transportation, Except Railroads	41,500	41,600	40,400	-100	+1,100
Communications & Public Utilities	28,700	28,700	28,400	0	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	278,800	276,800	276,500	+2,000	+2,300
Wholesale Trade	69,800	69,300	68,600	+500	+1,200
Retail Trade	209,000	207,500	207,900	+1,500	+1,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	73,200	73,300	73,800	-100	-600
Service, Except Domestic	295,800	295,000	287,900	+800	+7,900
Total Government	142,500	138,600	142,500	+3,900	0
Total Federal Government	36,500	36,600	36,900	-100	-400
Total State & Local Government	106,000	102,000	105,600	+4,000	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	3,200	500	0	+2,700	+3,200

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$488.87	$493.44	$485.21	41.5	41.5	41.4	$11.78	$11.89	$11.72
Durable Goods	515.76	523.70	506.66	42.0	42.2	41.7	12.28	12.41	12.15
Lumber & Furniture	382.12	369.05	381.56	41.0	40.6	41.7	9.32	9.09	9.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	484.40	508.15	473.21	40.0	39.3	39.9	12.11	12.93	11.86
Primary Metal Industries	501.84	498.52	468.06	41.0	41.2	39.7	12.24	12.10	11.79
Fabricated Metal Products	476.86	470.40	459.80	42.2	42.0	41.8	11.30	11.20	11.00
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	459.80	482.29	462.31	41.8	43.1	41.5	11.00	11.19	11.14
Elect & Electronic Equip.	420.75	417.08	421.17	41.7	41.5	41.7	10.09	10.05	10.10
Transportation Equipment	656.00	666.60	643.19	43.3	44.0	43.4	15.15	15.15	14.82
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	354.60	332.34	325.20	39.4	37.3	38.9	9.00	8.91	8.36
Nondurable Goods	438.89	436.85	442.00	40.6	40.3	40.7	10.81	10.84	10.86
Food & Kindred Products	472.03	467.25	504.30	39.7	39.1	41.0	11.89	11.95	12.30
Textiles & Apparel	220.85	217.00	238.01	34.4	35.0	37.6	6.42	6.20	6.33
Paper & Paper Products	470.20	460.58	499.91	44.4	44.5	45.2	10.59	10.35	11.06
Printing & Publishing	414.62	425.19	410.70	39.3	39.7	38.6	10.55	10.71	10.64
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	568.71	563.86	537.66	42.6	42.3	41.2	13.35	13.33	13.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	669.26	693.95	629.00	43.8	44.8	41.3	15.28	15.49	15.23
Leather & Leather Products	295.61	246.73	289.10	43.6	37.9	45.6	6.78	6.51	6.34
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

October, 1988

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 1,500 from September to reach 128,000 in October. The estimated number of unemployed persons stands at 5,300, down 100 from a month earlier. The area rate of unemployment dropped two-tenths of a percentage point from September to 4.1 percent in October.

During October 1987, there were 5,700 workers unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 4.6 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Total payrolled employment rose 700 from September to 115,200 in October. This is the net result of a 200 drop in manufacturing jobs and a gain of 900 in nonmanufacturing employment. The most significant gains occurred in transportation and utilities (+200), trade (+200) and government (+400).

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers dropped nine cents from September to $8.41 in October. Average weekly hours worked remained at the September level of 40.9 in October.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment should continue fairly stable during November. An increase of about one-tenth of a percentage point in the rate of unemployment is expected.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current: October, 1988

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	115,200	114,500	110,700	+700	+4,500
Manufacturing	21,500	21,700	20,800	-200	+700
Durable Goods	12,300	12,300	11,800	0	+500
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Other Durable Goods	11,200	11,200	10,600	0	+600
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,400	9,000	-200	+200
Food Processing	3,800	3,900	3,000	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,900	3,400	-100	+400
Nonmanufacturing	93,700	92,800	89,900	+900	+3,800
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	6,100	6,200	5,500	-100	+600
Transportation & Utilities	7,600	7,400	7,200	+200	+400
Trade	32,100	31,900	30,600	+200	+1,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,700	4,600	4,800	+100	-100
Services	29,000	28,900	27,700	+100	+1,300
Government	14,100	13,700	14,000	+400	+100
Federal	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	+100
State and Local	12,200	11,800	12,200	+400	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: October, 1988**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$343.97	$347.65	$335.07	40.9	40.9	39.7	$8.41	$8.50	$8.44
Durable Goods	327.64	329.24	334.43	40.4	40.2	40.1	8.11	8.19	8.34
Nondurable Goods	369.82	376.74	338.77	41.6	42.0	39.3	8.89	8.97	8.62
Food & Kindred Products	354.76	360.64	355.78	39.2	39.5	39.4	9.05	9.13	9.03
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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